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Congress and the President are  
again playing politics, with the Democ-  
ratic House several points ahead in  
the same.Every gallon of water allowed to  
flow into the sea from the Nueces  
river is a separate and distinct loss  
of an irrigation opportunity.Soil depletion hasn't yet begun in  
either us in South Texas. Our greatest  
necessity is more farmers to help  
utilize the richness of the soil.The Caller does not object to the  
proposed fourth nomination of Mr.  
Bryan because it loves Mr. Bryan less,  
but because we love the Democratic  
party more.Of course Elbert Hubbard does not  
concur in Andrew Carnegie's list of  
the twenty greatest men in the world.  
There was not a man named Hubbard  
in the entire list.The New York Sun thinks Congress  
man Underwood could be elected  
President on the Democratic ticket.  
The Sun, in this instance, but reflects  
a spreading opinion.The Houston Post asks "who will  
wear the toga?" The nearest answer  
we can give is that four candidates  
have confessed to such a willingness,  
but there appears to be no great ex-  
citement over the matter of giving  
them a chance.Congressman Underwood, the Dem-  
ocratic leader of the House, in a late  
interview advocated the direct elec-  
tion of United States senators, a  
doctrine which would cure many legis-  
lative evils and make the American  
Senate far more representative of the  
people.Hatton W. Sumners is an able, am-  
iable and worthy gentleman, who, as  
attorney for the Farmers' Union, is in  
close touch with the great live stock  
and agricultural interests of the  
state. He would serve the state cred-  
ibly and effectively as a congressman  
at-large.The Caller does not fall out with  
those who fail to see things as it  
views them. If they fall out with it  
because of the difference of opinion, it  
still refuses to wax wrath or unhappy.The Caller does its own thinking, so  
far as it has the capacity to think, and  
it accords others the same privilege.The Caller could not afford to give  
such valuable and attractive prizes in  
its subscription contest, except for the  
fact that its greatly enlarged circula-  
tion affords the paper wider prestige  
and popularity and makes it doubly  
valuable as an advertising medium.  
The contest is proving a great success  
and profitable to all concerned.Naval improvement is so rapid that  
each new type of warship ordered  
by the government is practically obso-  
lete before the vessel can be finished  
at the ship yards. The latest naval  
invention is Thos. Edison's new stored  
battery for use in submarine boats  
which it is claimed, will enable these  
boats to run for a hundred days on  
a charge. A test was made before  
officers of the navy at the Edison  
works in Orange, N. J.**ONE-MAN CONVENTIONS.**All the Democratic National Con-  
ventions for the last quarter of a century  
have been one-man conventions.  
With the exception of the 1904 con-  
vention which nominated Judge Parker  
for President, the conventions since 1896 have been rubber stamps  
of Mr. Bryan.Plenty of Democrats are alive to-  
day who remember the last spirited  
Democratic National convention  
that was away back in 1894, twenty-  
three years ago. It was in that con-  
vention that Grover Cleveland was  
first nominated. The rivaries, the  
political thugs, the enlivened scenes  
and the evidences of party animation  
in that convention are still a matter of  
welcome comment.But in all the intervening twenty-  
seven years the Democratic National  
conventions, with the possible exception  
of that of 1896, haven't been  
worth the columns devoted to them in  
the newspapers.In 1888 the convention renominated  
Mr. Cleveland without a murmur.  
There was some discussion over the  
platform, some irritation, but nothing  
happened worth an hour's thought.In 1892 Mr. Cleveland's renomination  
was assured beforehand, notwithstanding  
the humiliating spectacle presented by the New York delegation.  
In 1896 the chief fight was between  
two silverites, Richard F.  
Bland, of Missouri, and William Jennings  
Bryan, of Nebraska. Bland was  
easily bowled over. The nomination of  
a silverite in that convention was  
another of the assured facts in con-  
temporary politics. There was a little  
rumor caused by the turning down  
of David B. Hill, recommended by the  
Democratic National committee for  
temporary chairman of the conven-  
tion and the episode of the New York  
delegation in refusing, after the ad-  
option of the platform, to take a notable  
part in the convention's work, but  
these were only incidents.In 1896 Bryan announced that he  
would not accept a renomination ex-  
cept on the 16 to 1 silver ratio plan  
of four years before; and the commit-  
tee on resolutions by a vote of 26 to  
24 gave him his way. No serious atten-  
tion was paid to the fact that it  
was the vote of Prince David, of the  
Territory of Hawaii, which has no vote  
in the electoral college, that brought  
about the adoption of the silver plank  
in the convention, thus pledging millions  
of Democrats to that issue.  
Bryan's nomination had already been  
decided upon.In 1904 Judge Parker's nomination  
was not seriously resisted. Bryan  
standing aside.The Denver convention of 1908  
was controlled in every detail by Mr.  
Bryan over a telegraph wire from Lin-  
coln. The delegates merely received  
and obeyed orders in a spirit of hopeless  
acquiescence.But the Democratic party is no  
longer any man's private or political  
asset. Today there is a healthful riv-  
ality born of a revived spirit of asser-  
tion and independence in various  
quarters. There is a new leadership  
of the sort that's going to make the  
1912 convention the most interesting  
since the first Cleveland nomination.  
Nobody can tell in advance who is going  
to be nominated and it bodes well for a  
healthier condition of Democratic poli-  
tics than has existed before for half a  
century.Port Aransas is the latest small but  
growing city of Southwest Texas to  
draw popular notice through the  
medium of a first-class weekly news-  
paper. The Port Aransas Post, with  
R. Roy Ross, formerly with the Dallas  
News, as editor and proprietor, made  
its initial appearance Saturday. The  
paper is a credit to the community  
whose name it bears, and it should  
prove a valuable factor in the upbuilding  
of the city of Port Aransas.

No Game, No Puff.

The Dispatch has been hearing of  
this hunter, that hunter and the other  
hunter killing bucks around here, but  
to get down to brass tacks, we don't  
know whether there has been a buck  
killed within twenty miles of Donna  
this season or not. This old heresay  
system doesn't work with us. The  
hunter that gets his name in this  
sheet and an account of his prowess  
published next to pure reading mat-  
ter, will have to come through with  
something more substantial than a  
story of his achievements. An editor  
that has almost forgotten how venison  
backstrap bacon isn't in any shape to  
write a first-class buck story, "no  
how."**WITH EXCHANGES**Suggests School for the Readers.  
Houston Chronicle.The newspaper of the present day  
are by no means iniquitous, but there  
are many conducted by patriotic men  
who earnestly and zealously labor for  
the betterment of the community and  
the country. It sometimes seems  
that it would be a good thing if news-  
paper readers would attend a school  
of journalism, or some other school  
and learn to translate what they read  
into action, to find remedies for the  
wrongs the newspaper exposes, and  
to bring into existence the public im-  
provements which the newspaper ad-  
vocates.**Wants the Army Sent Back.**

State Topics:

Congressman Burleson, our Albert,  
wants the President to send the army  
back to the Rio Grande border in order  
that our neutrality laws may be  
better observed. If Congressman  
Burleson will get the consent of Wall  
street, the army will be returned to  
the border in short order.**The Primary Election.**

Houston Post:

The Paris Advocate recalls that the  
Terrell election law calls for primary  
conventions and not primary elections  
in May to select delegates to the State  
Presidential Convention and remarks  
that this fact seems to have escaped  
the notice of candidates anxious for  
eliminating primary elections. It occurs  
to us that there is some absurdity  
in the instant demand of some  
for the proposed Presidential primary,  
resulting probably from recent election  
returns in other parts of the  
country. Any way, we haven't noticed  
any grand rushes by those advocating  
the primary to put up the whole  
whether for holding it and, as  
the Advocate recalls, Texas must  
needs be carrying out the intent and  
purpose of her own statutes.**A South Texas Exhibit.**

Brownsville Herald:

Undoubtedly one of the best ex-  
hibits at the Chicago Land Show is  
that of San Benito, Brownsville's liveliest  
neighboring city, nineteen miles up  
the road. A photograph showing a  
part of the exhibit just received by  
The Herald from Secretary Graham of  
the San Benito Commercial Club, who  
is in charge of the exhibit at Chicago,  
contains this statement. The display  
of exhibits includes the leading products  
of this section, and sugar cane  
stalks and cotton illustrate effectively  
the leading staple productions here.  
A huge mounted tapir in the rear  
suggests one of the chief sports af-  
forded by the adjacent coast. The  
main leaves are a beautiful reminder  
that San Benito is located in the ex-  
treme sunny south, the native home  
of the palm.**Attestation of Form.**

Laredo Times:

The most inconsistent feature in  
connection with the candidacy of  
Judge Ramsey is the fact that he  
consists in remaining on the supreme  
bench when there are questions being  
litigated in which he and his politi-  
cal opponent are directly interested—  
questions which constitute impor-  
tant issues in their rivalry for the  
office of governor.Even though it might be better  
form for a public official under any  
circumstances to retire from his position  
while a candidate, it is infinitely  
worse taste for a man occupying a  
high judicial position to retain it  
when he knows partisan questions  
will come before him for decision;  
and when, acting in his official position,  
he renders a decision directly  
against his opponent on such a politi-  
cal question, he subjects himself  
to special criticism. Judge Ramsey  
may mean well, but he has displayed  
an indiscretion, not to say a weakness  
of character, which disqualifies him  
from holding either a judicial or an  
executive position.**Red Cross Seal Campaign.**

Kinrossville Gulf Coast Record:

Under the supervision of Mrs. Robert  
J. Kishberg, and the Woman's Club,  
in this city 6,000 stamps have  
been sold for this worthy cause,  
and more orders are coming in daily. The  
Kinrossville business men and citizens  
have always shown great generosity  
for all worthy charities, and the ladies  
found none but willing purchasers.  
All expressed themselves in hearty  
sympathy with this state-wide campaign  
for so Christian a move.The possibility of selling over a mil-  
lion seals in Texas appears to be very  
good. Thousands of seals are being  
sent out daily.**An Opportunity in Poultry.**

Futura's Facts.

One of the opportunities with  
which this country may fairly be  
credited—besides hops—is poultry.The only serious difficulty is that  
caused by skunks, coons and possums  
which can be overcome by systematic  
poisoning and adequate fencing.  
Omnipossess, the great enemy of young  
birds, we need worry little about.  
Mile Maize Kafir Corn, Sorghum and  
Egyptian Wheat are all easily grown  
and better chicken feed cannot be  
produced. Chickens and turkeys fattened  
on peanuts have a flavor equal  
to those chestnut red. If we were to  
get into the business bright and carry it  
forward systematically a reputation  
for Futura's fed poultry would soon  
mean dollars in our pockets and pro-  
perity in our homes.**Country Life Training.**It is an easy matter for financial  
matters to become paramount and for  
the love of the beautiful to become  
dead. Not that we as a people do not  
place importance upon the higher andbetter things of life, but because we  
are too easily led astray when an op-  
portunity for wealth presents itself.This is why the farm is the best  
place to rear a family. Here nature  
beautifies and embellishes for man,  
here boys and girls may live in a  
wholesome environment, surrounded  
with the best of God's creations.  
Here they learn to appreciate the  
blessings of country life and to dis-  
criminate between the false and the  
true.Those who are rearing children  
should strive to make the home the  
most important consideration in the  
farm operations. Comfortable homes  
encourage contented citizens and contented  
citizenship is necessary for a good government and a powerful na-  
tion.**WISE AND OTHERWISE.**

State Topics:

"I wonder how Tantalus felt?"  
said the student of the classics.  
"Probably," replied Colonel Gilwell,  
"like a thirsty Malay man listening to  
the election returns."—Washington Star.The absent are not always forgotten.  
Quite frequently they are roast-  
ed—Puck."We dined at the Ritz last evening.  
We dined as usual." "As to how?" "Got to the end of the dinner  
with three forks and two spoons  
still un-used."—The Club Fellow.It is not necessary to light a candle  
to the sun. Algernon Sidney.Tell us not in mournful numbers  
That the summertime has went  
We can hear the crickets' grannies.  
And we haven't a cent.—Milwaukee Sentinel.When a man takes his defeat philosophically  
it is a sign he is good at it.  
Getting it over with his grouch under cover.  
Alphonse Glorie.Do you think he would be equal in  
time of danger?" "I think his feet  
would."—Houston Post.Lighting of spouting streams  
Milton."I don't think my husband loves  
me any more." "Why not?" "The  
other day I said to him: 'John, if I  
should die, would you get married  
again?' and he said 'he wouldn't.'  
Isn't that all right?" "Yes, but I  
wonder why you could have heard the positive  
way he said it."—Newark News.If a man can tell the difference  
between coffee and muddy water,  
he thinks he's a foul expert.—New  
York Press."How did she manage to get so  
many offers of marriage?" "She had  
her picture taking with a fixing pin  
in her hand."—Birmingham Age-  
Herald.

The Christmas Red Cross Film.

The moving picture is recognized as  
a valuable educational factor if rightly used.  
Fortunately, the men who  
have developed the business of man-  
ufacturing the films in this country  
have not been blind to every consider-  
ation except money-making. Comparatively  
few seem to have yielded to the temptation  
to prostitute this great invention by catering to the sen-  
sational, the lewd and the depraved;  
instead, most have been wise and far-  
sighted enough to see the enormous  
educational possibilities of the mov-  
ing picture and to endeavor to build  
up their enterprise on a solid foundation.  
In no way is this better shown  
than by the co-operation between the  
Thomas A. Edison company of  
Orange, N. J., and the National  
Association for the Study and Prevention  
of Tuberculosis. Each year, just before  
the holidays, the Edison company  
releases to the innumerable moving  
picture theatres a specially prepared  
film designed to show the awful dan-  
ger of the "White Plague" and to aid  
in the sale of the Red Cross Seal, the  
little stamp which, by the million,  
adorns our Christmas packages and  
carries its lesson everywhere. The  
film this year, released December 6,  
is called "The Awakening of John Bond."  
It is a graphic and truthful  
portrayal of the dangers of tuberculosis  
and of the personal responsibility  
of each one for existing conditions.It should be shown, again and again,  
in every town in the land—for  
what village is now so poor that it  
does not have a moving picture theatre?  
The Journal of the American  
Medical Association requests that all  
physicians and all members of charitable  
societies ask to have this film  
shown to the public. It is by far the  
best of a number of public health films  
turned out by the Edison company,  
which is fully justified in its an-  
nouncement that it has been able not only  
to produce a film of high dramatic  
value, but also one of great educational  
benefit."

Louis C. Weil, Cashier.

Correct—Attest.

G. R. Scott.

A. Weil.

Jno. Jordon.

Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1911.

C. J. MacManus.

Notary Public.

Total \$1,712,621.50

STATE OF TEXAS.

County of Nueces, S.S.

I, Louis C. Weil, Cashier of the  
above named Bank, do solemnly  
swear that the above statement is  
true to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

Louis C. Weil, Cashier.

Correct—Attest.

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